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The invention relates to a device and a method for administering, in particular for creating and changing, identifying characteristics. During input of the new identifying characteristic by a user a check of the identifying characteristic is performed. Depending on the result of the check, a facility for termination of input of the new identifying characteristic is activated or deactivated as appropriate. The present invention substantially improves user-friendliness in the creation and changing of identifying characteristics, as failed attempts to input the new identifying characteristics are avoided.